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Colonel Christopher A. Knight  
Director  
Florida Highway Patrol  
Neil Kirkman Building, Room A-437  
2900 Apalachee Parkway  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0550

Dear Colonel Knight:

This correspondence is in regard to the assistance your Department provided during our Criminal Investigation of the Armed Bank Robbery that occurred on Friday, January 7, 2005 and again during the trial and conviction of the four (4) Bank Robbers on Friday, September 23, 2005.

I would like to bring to your attention the actions of Sergeant Wesley H. Daum and Trooper Larry McClelland. Both Sergeant Daum and Trooper McClelland demonstrated exemplary Law Enforcement Tactics which lead to the apprehension of four (4) Armed and Dangerous Perpetrators. Sergeant Daum's and Trooper McClelland's accurate and professional testimony was instrumental in the jury returning a prompt and just verdict of Guilt.

On behalf of the City of Avon Park Police Department, please extend our sincere appreciation and thanks to both of these members of the Florida Highway Patrol. Sergeant Daum and Trooper McClelland upheld the highest traditions of the Florida Highway Patrol.

We look forward to working with the Florida Highway Patrol on all matters of mutual concern.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Frank S. Mercurio'.

Frank S. Mercurio  
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